

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

Distribution of a digital content is made possible in a form stimulating user's visual and auditory desire while protecting the right of digital content. A digital content distributing apparatus distributes to an information processing apparatus a digital content partly encrypted by using encryption key information shared with the information processing apparatus while the information processing apparatus performs a decryption process on an encrypted part of the digital content distributed from the digital content distributing apparatus by using the encryption key information. Herein, the digital content distributed from the digital content distributing apparatus is encrypted, in a part of the units as a subject of encryption with a formatting unit of the digital content in plaintext taken as one unit.

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